Oswald's Widow Wins $17,729 From U. S.

DALLAS, Tex. (AP). — Marina Oswald Porter, widow of President John F. Kennedy's accused assassin, won a settlement of $17,729 from the government Friday for property that belonged to Lee Harvey Oswald.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Ken Mighell had argued the government should pay only $3,000 for the confiscated property because it would be "unjust enrichment" if Mrs. Porter profited by her husband's wrongdoing.

The 5th U. S. Court of Appeals reversed, however, a lower court ruling that Mrs. Porter be allowed only $3,000.

As part of the settlement, Mrs. Porter agreed to drop a second suit seeking an additional $60,000 in damages because FBI agents had damaged certain letters and documents by submitting them to chemical analysis.

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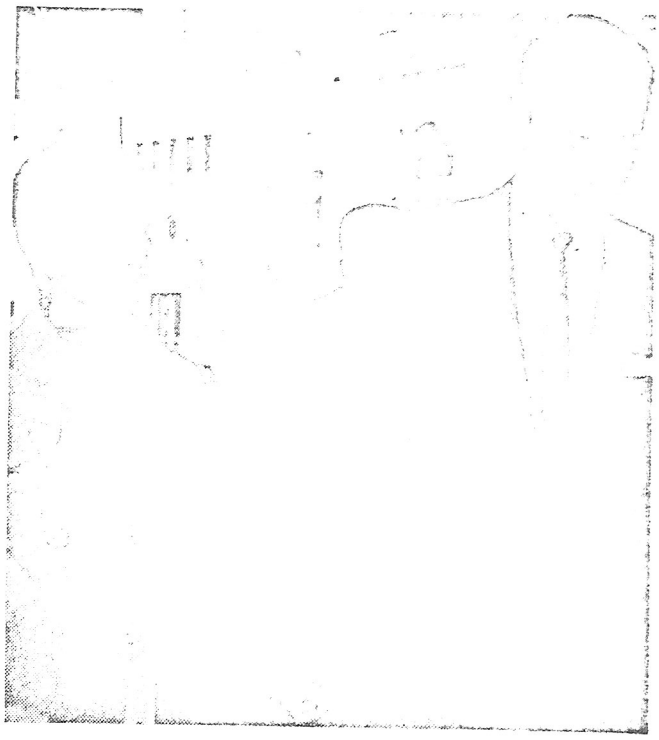

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Mrs. Marina Porter and husband

Marina Oswald: 'A Shy Thing, Good Mother'

Marina Oswald Porter's life, nearly 10 years after her first husband, Lee Harvey Oswald, assassinated President John F. Kennedy, is remarkable only for its mundane certainty.

Actually, there's not much to say about Marina's life since that day 10 years ago when Oswald lifted her from anonymity to infamy.

She married Kenneth Jess Porter in 1965. There were difficulties with the twice-divorced electronics technician. Six months after the wedding, she told a justice of the peace that Porter "slapped me in the face and tried to get me to put the children outside so he could be alone with the gun he carried." Porter was put under a $1,500 bond and since then there haven't been any squabbles.

Marina has learned to speak English. According to Oswald's diary, he marriel Marina Prusskova while living in Russia in 1960 to spite a woman named Ella who spurned him.

Marina has received about $60,000 from sympathetic Americans, another $18,000 was recently awarded her by the government for the personal effects of Oswald's it impounded and she sold her rights to the assassination rifle for another $12,000.

She doesn't mix with her neighbors, but is known as a good mother to her three children, June, 11, and Racel, 9, by